

INVINCIBLE IRON MAN™



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CHICAGO.

RIRI?

RIRI?

OH,
OKAY, NO
RIRI.

UH, MR.
STARK?
ARE YOU
IN THERE?



I KNOW YOU'RE NOT HERE. I MEAN THE COMPUTER YOU.

ARE YOU LIKE ONE OF THOSE SPEAKERS THAT PLAYS MUSIC OR TELLS YOU WHAT'S ON TV OR--

I JUST--



--I WORRY ABOUT RIRI.

I ALWAYS-- I MEAN, I KNOW ALL MOMMAS WORRY ABOUT THEIR BABIES, BUT I...

...I WORRY ABOUT HER.



SHE'S FIFTEEN.

AND SHE'S-- SHE'S SO MATURE, AND GROUNDED, AND, WELL... SMART.

AND I ALWAYS END UP TREATING HER LIKE SHE'S AN ADULT BECAUSE SHE ACTS *JUST LIKE* A LITTLE ADULT.

BUT SHE'S NOT.

SHE'S A KID.

AND NOW SHE'S OUT THERE *FLYING AROUND* IN A SUIT OF ARMOR SHE BUILT *ALL BY HERSELF* AND SHE'S NOT EVEN LEGALLY OLD ENOUGH TO DRIVE.



BUT I CAN'T STOP HER.

RIGHT? I CAN'T.



I CAN'T SAY TO A GIRL LIKE HER: "YOU ARE GROUNDED! NO MORE!"

"YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TRY TO BE A SUPER HERO AND MAKE THIS CESSPOOL OF A WORLD A BETTER PLACE..."

EVEN THOUGH IT HAS TAKEN EVERYTHING SHE HAS LOVED FROM HER... SHE *STILL* WANTS TO PROTECT IT.

WHO DOES THAT?



WHO DECIDES TO PROTECT A WORLD THAT HAS SHOWN HER NOTHING BUT THE BACK OF ITS HAND?

BUT IF I PUSH HER TOO HARD TO STOP, SHE'LL LEAVE.

BECAUSE SHE'S SMART ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT SHE *DOES NOT* NEED TO STICK AROUND *HERE*.

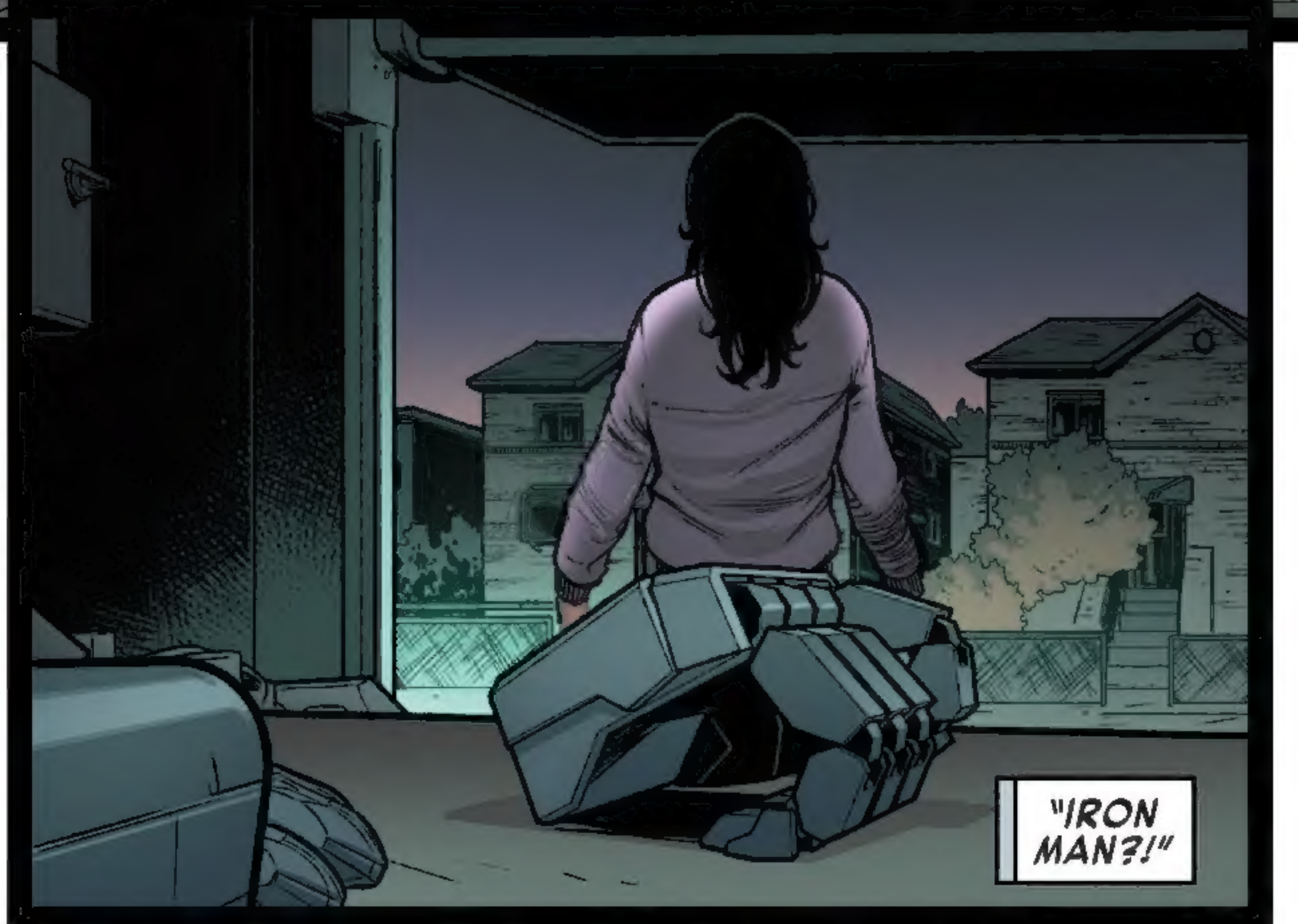
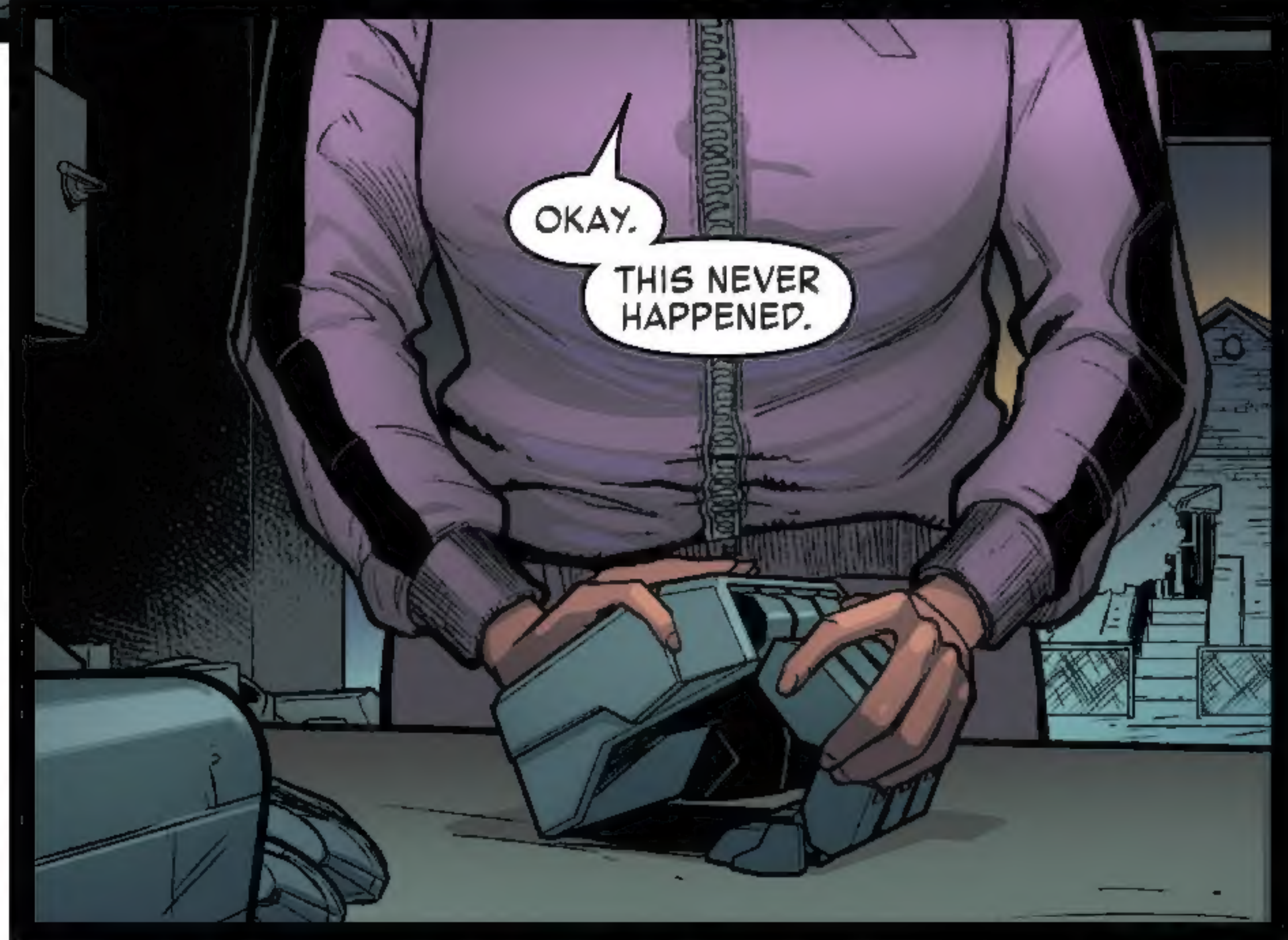
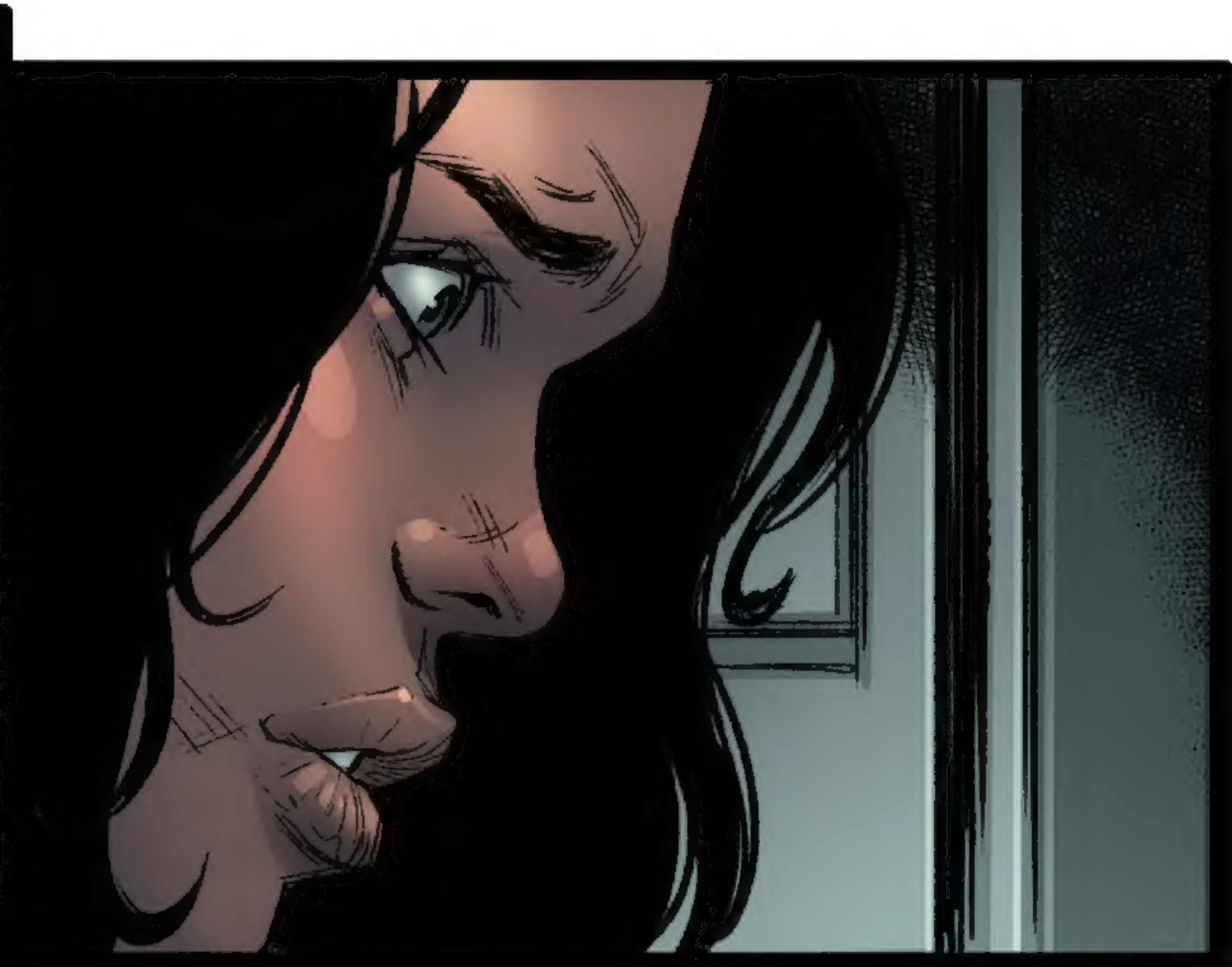
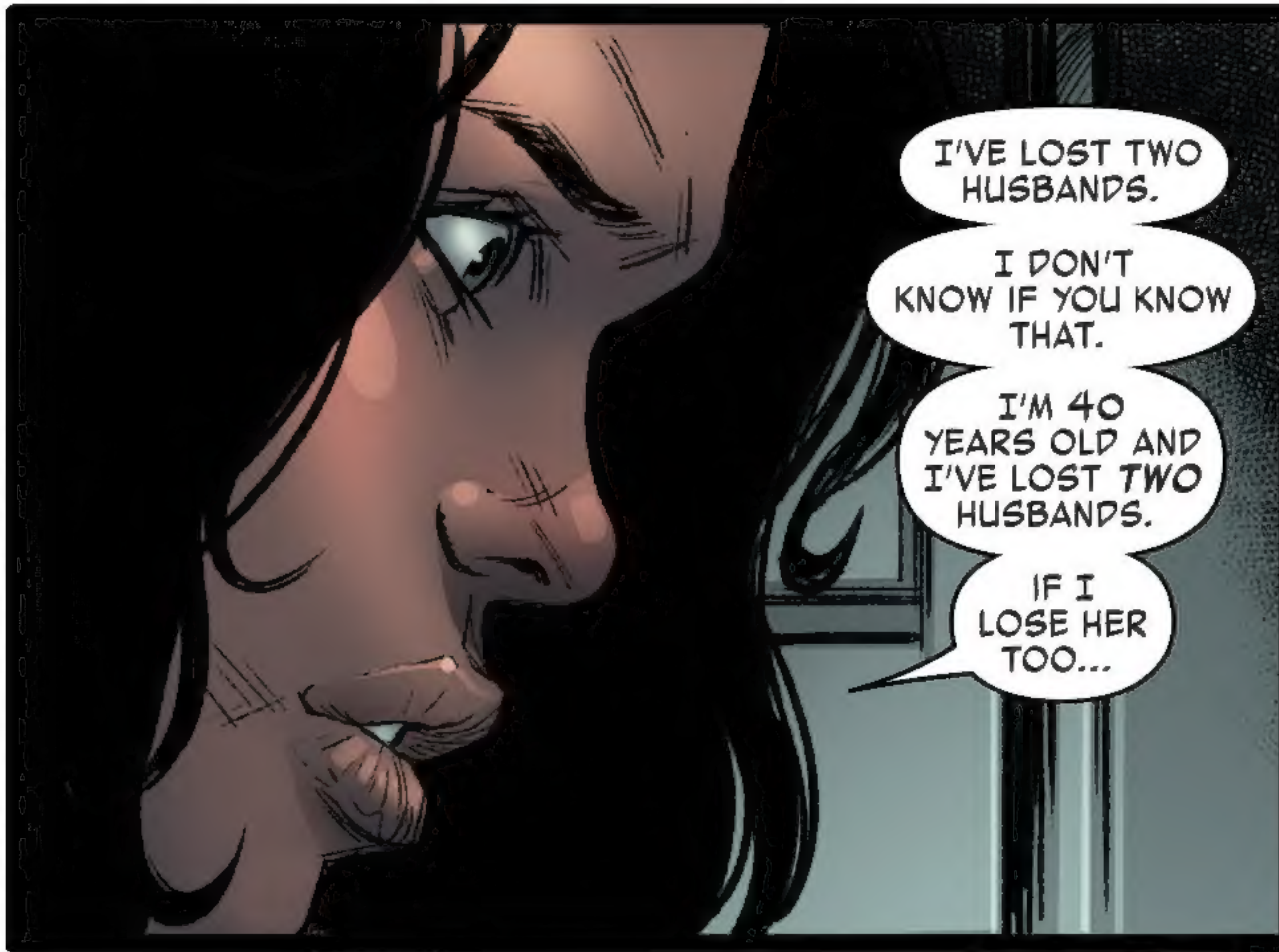


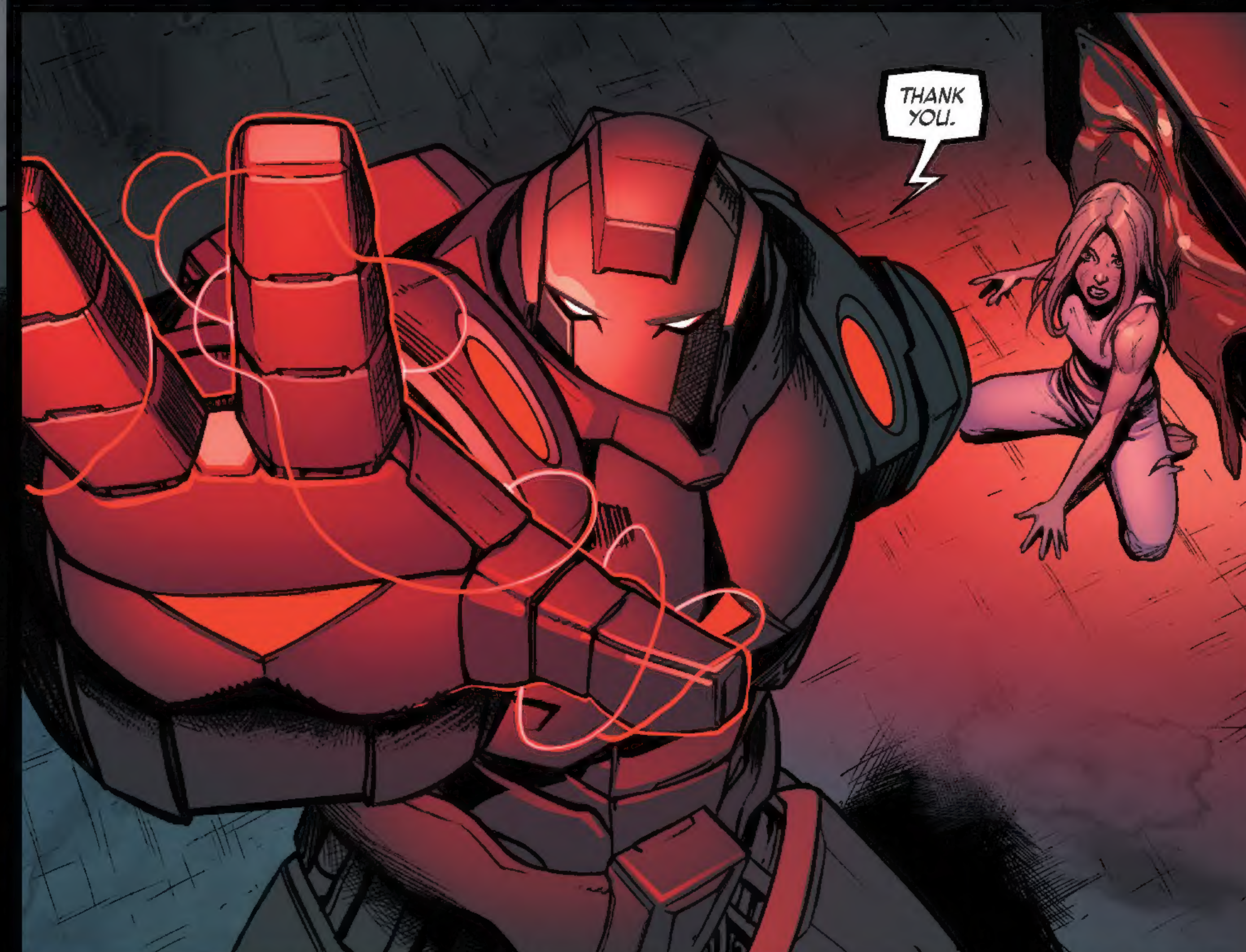
AND THEN... I WON'T HAVE HER AT ALL.

AT LEAST LIKE THIS I CAN GUIDE HER A LITTLE-- KEEP AN EYE ON HER.

BUT SHE'S OUT THERE-- SHE'S OUT THERE RIGHT NOW.

DOES THAT MAKE ME A BAD MOM?





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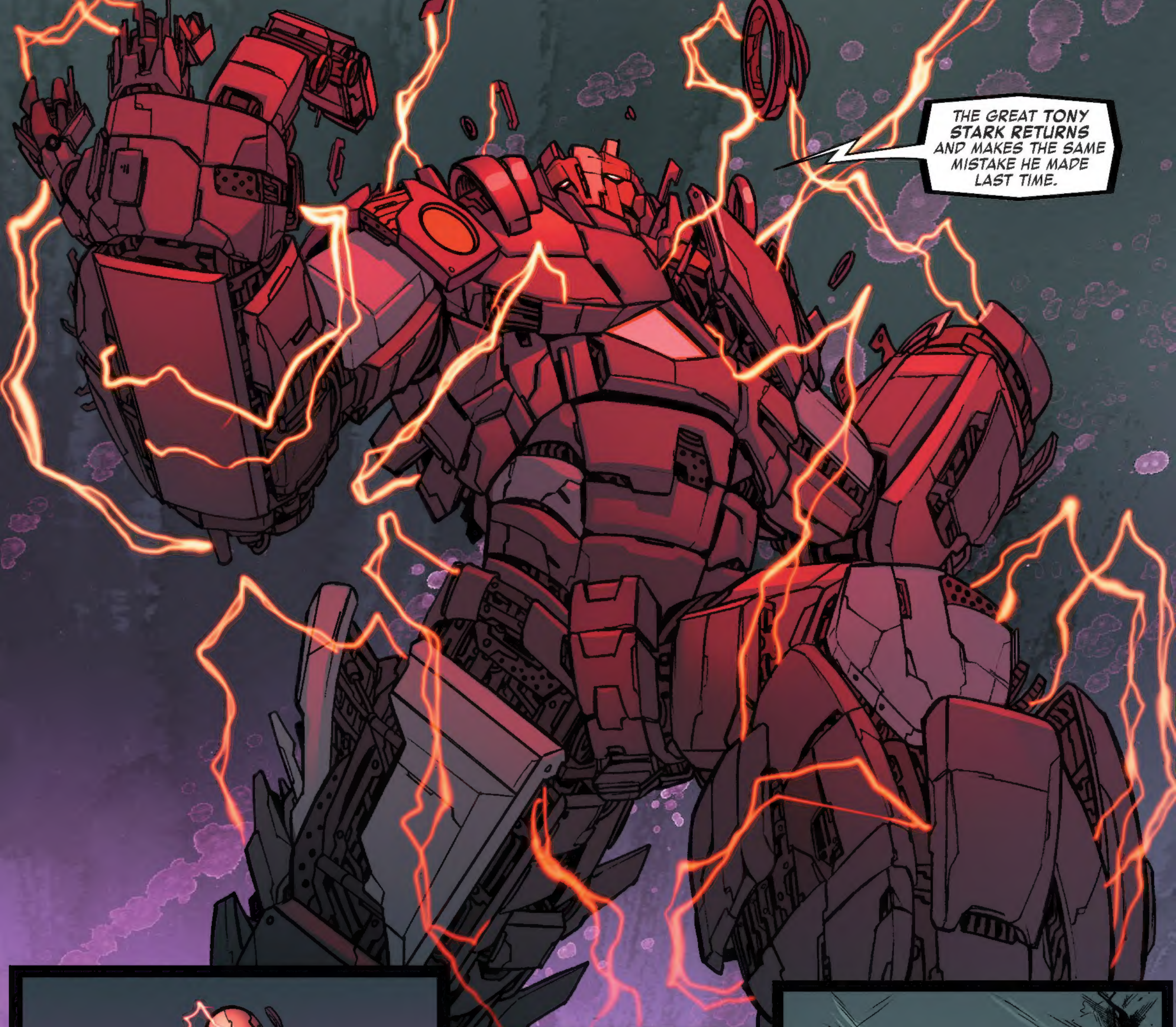
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THE GREAT TONY STARK RETURNS AND MAKES THE SAME MISTAKE HE MADE LAST TIME.



THIS IS NOT TONY STARK.
THIS IS A--



HOW YA LIKE ME NOW?!

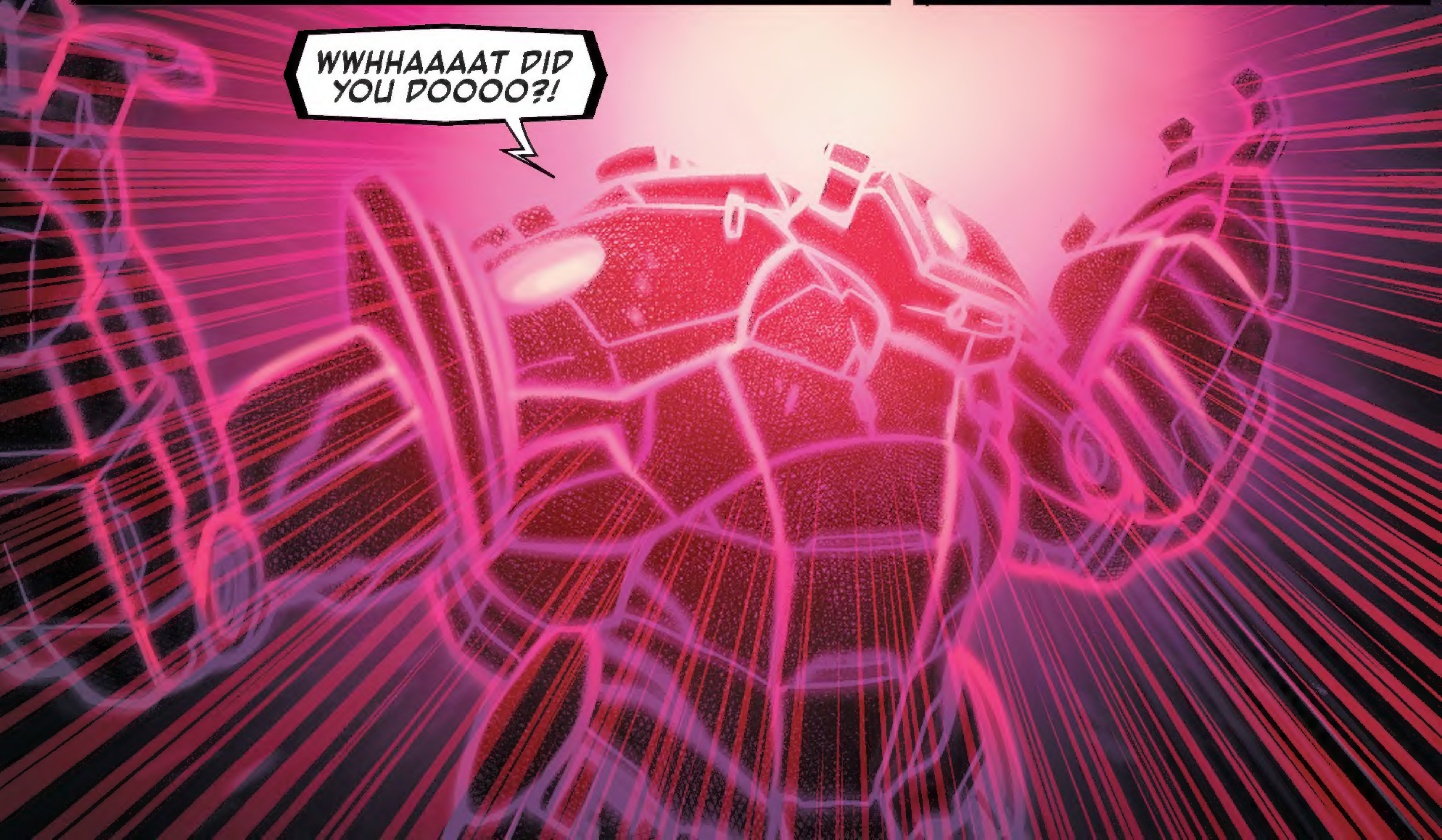


KID!

RUN!

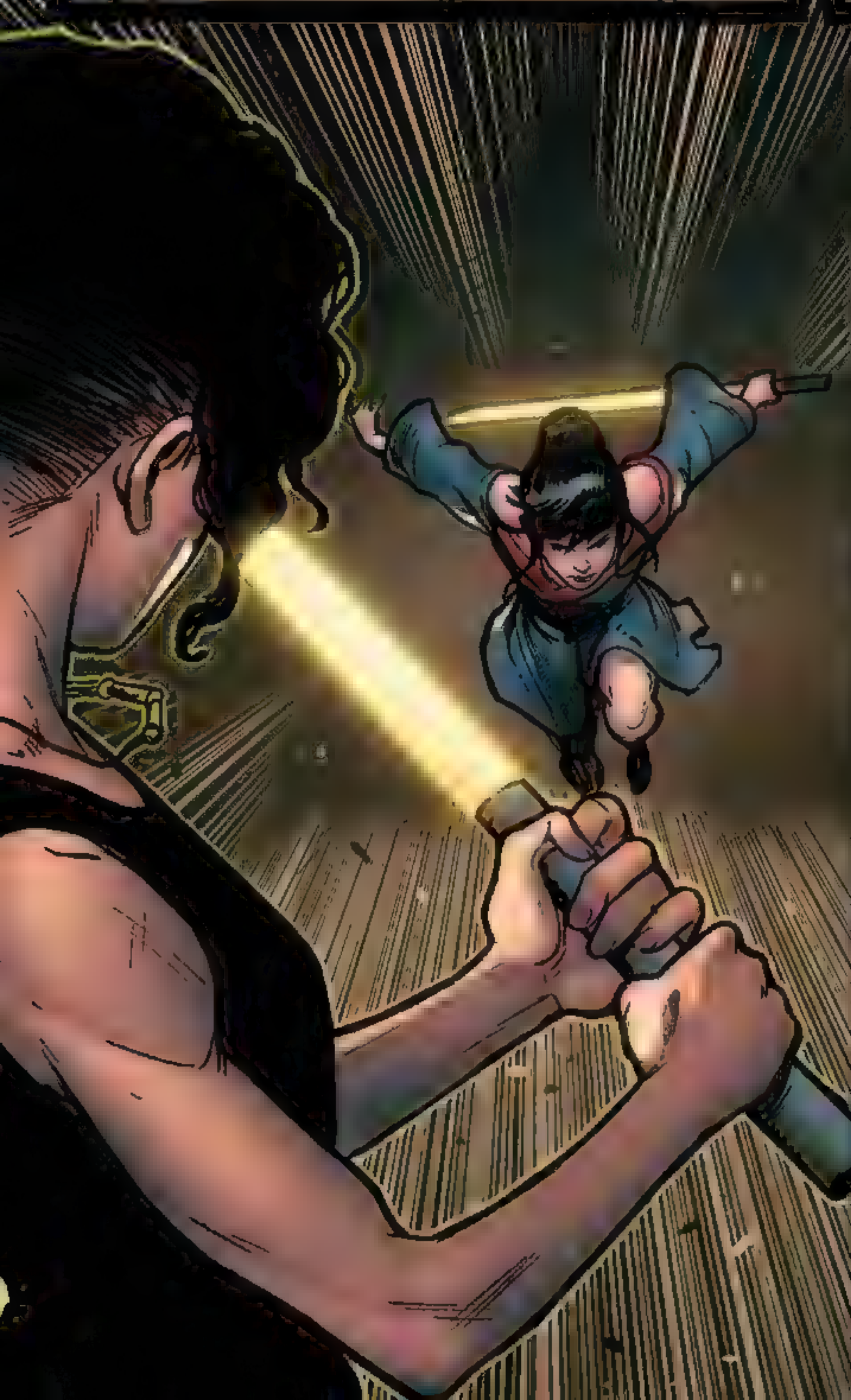


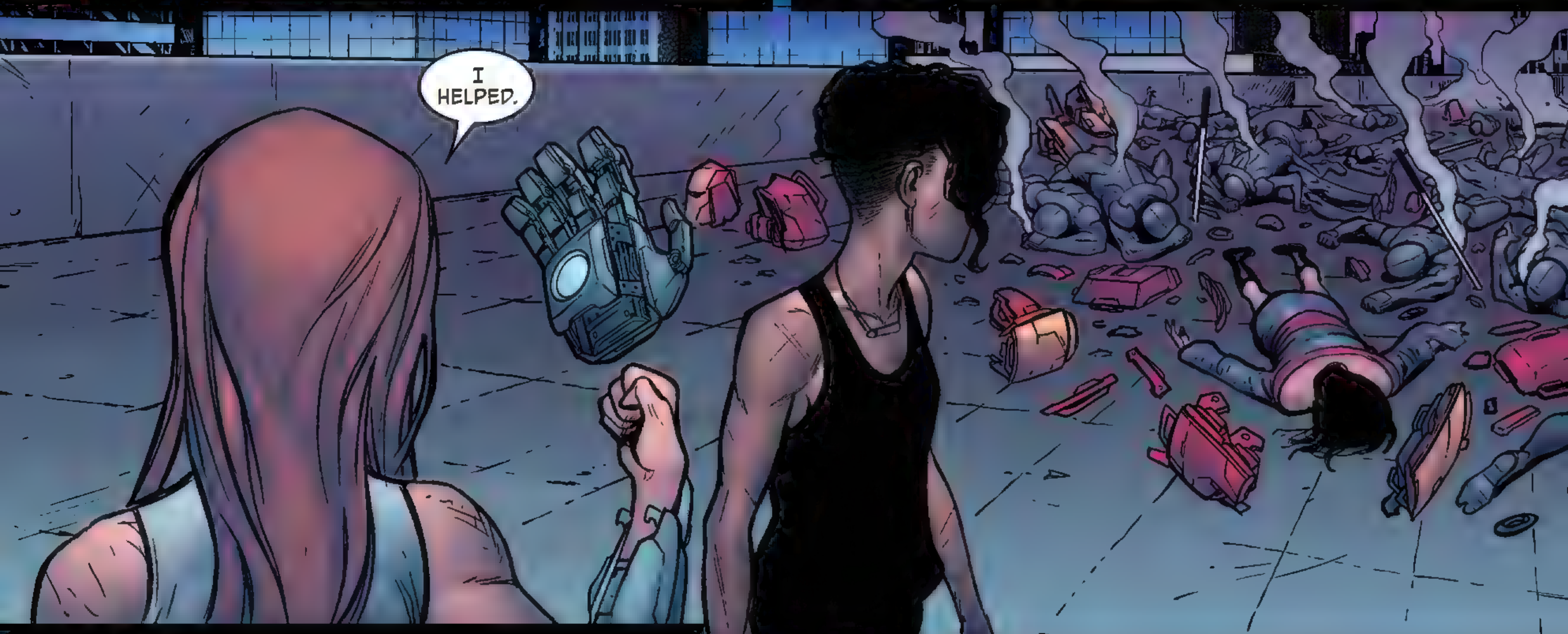
WWHHAAAAT DID YOU DOOOO?!













MY ARMOR IS TECHNICALLY A WEAPON OF WAR, SO I HAVE IT LOJACKED TO S.H.I.E.L.D. IN CASE ANYONE DOES ANYTHING TO IT, LIKE, YOU KNOW, WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO IT.

I SHOULD DO THAT, TOO, HUH?

IT'S CUTE THAT YOU'RE ASKING ME LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU A CHOICE.

HI, SHARON.

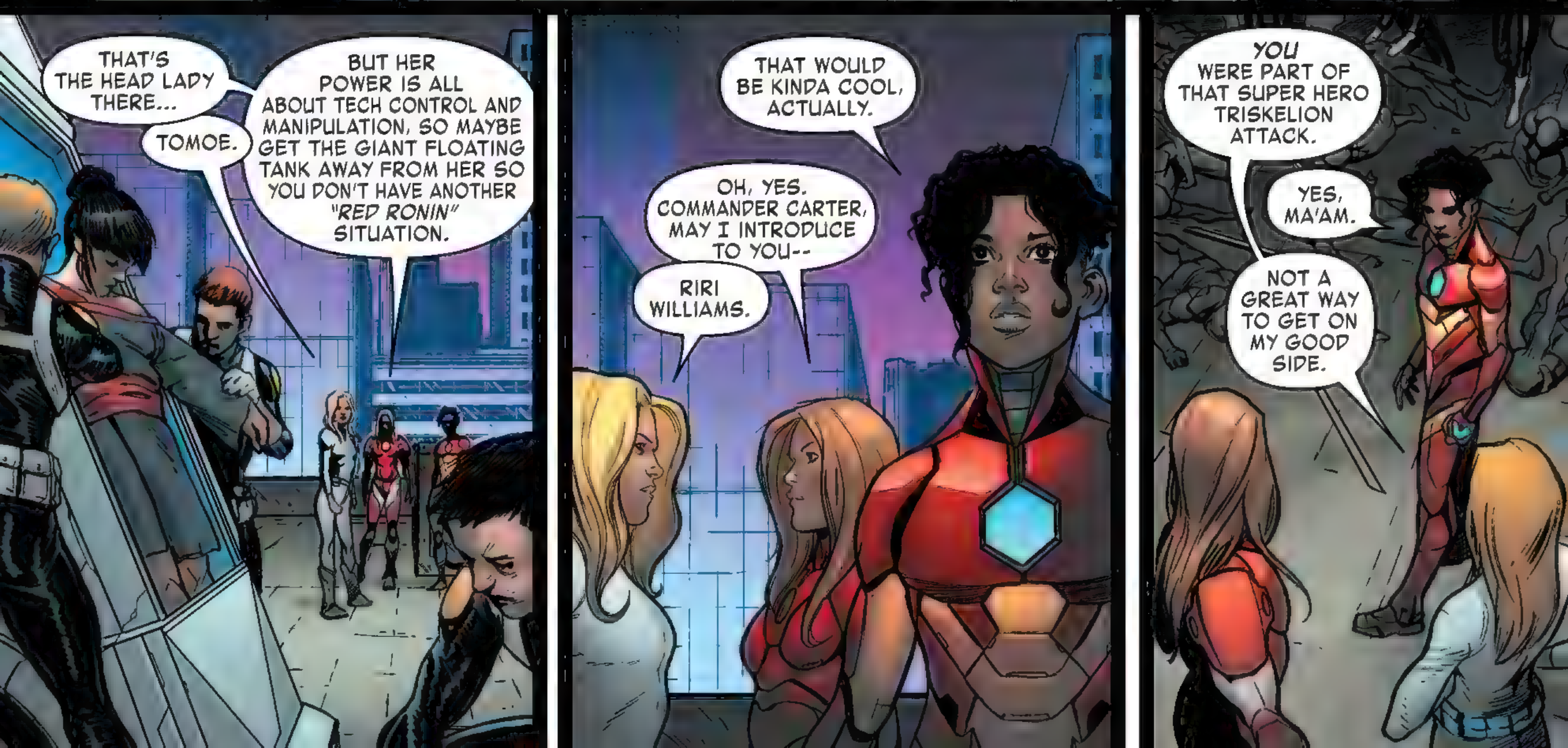


WE PRESENT TO YOU...THE **TECHNO GOLEM** AND THE **BIOHACK NINJAS** FROM THE SOUTHEAST ASIA CRIME SYNDICATE.

THIS IS ACTUALLY THEM?

I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE.

WE HAVE *DOZENS* OF AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD LOOKING FOR THEM.



THAT'S THE HEAD LADY THERE...

TOMOE.

BUT HER POWER IS ALL ABOUT TECH CONTROL AND MANIPULATION, SO MAYBE GET THE GIANT FLOATING TANK AWAY FROM HER SO YOU DON'T HAVE ANOTHER "RED RONIN" SITUATION.

THAT WOULD BE KINDA COOL, ACTUALLY.

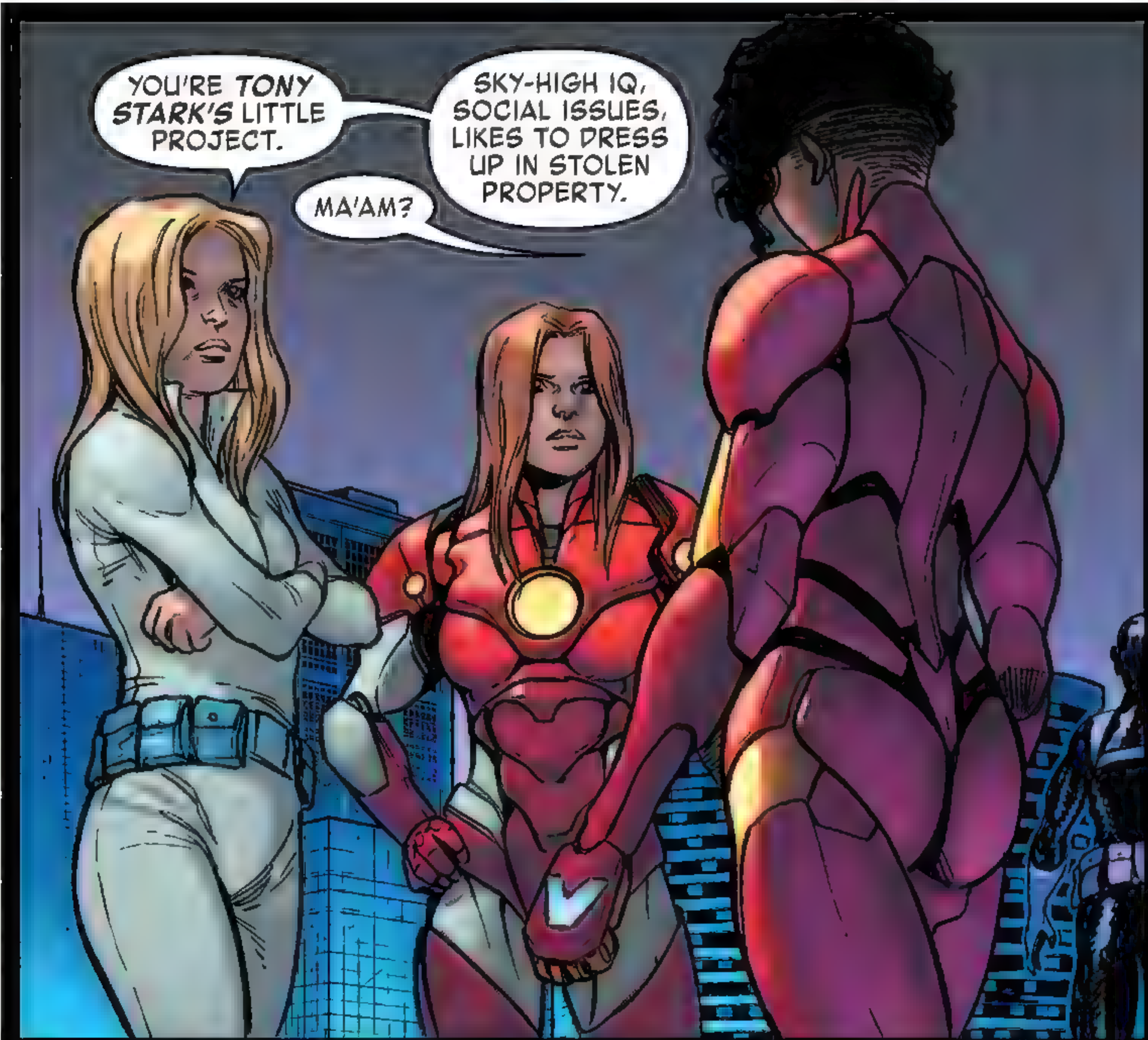
OH, YES. COMMANDER CARTER, MAY I INTRODUCE TO YOU--

RIRI WILLIAMS.

YOU WERE PART OF THAT SUPER HERO TRISKELION ATTACK.

YES, MA'AM.

NOT A GREAT WAY TO GET ON MY GOOD SIDE.



YOU'RE TONY STARK'S LITTLE PROJECT.

SKY-HIGH IQ, SOCIAL ISSUES, LIKES TO PRESS UP IN STOLEN PROPERTY.

MA'AM?



WELL, YOU'RE LEAVING OUT THE SUBTLE FLAVORING OF MY SPECIFIC FIELDS OF--

SHE DID ALL OF THIS?

SHE REALLY DID.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

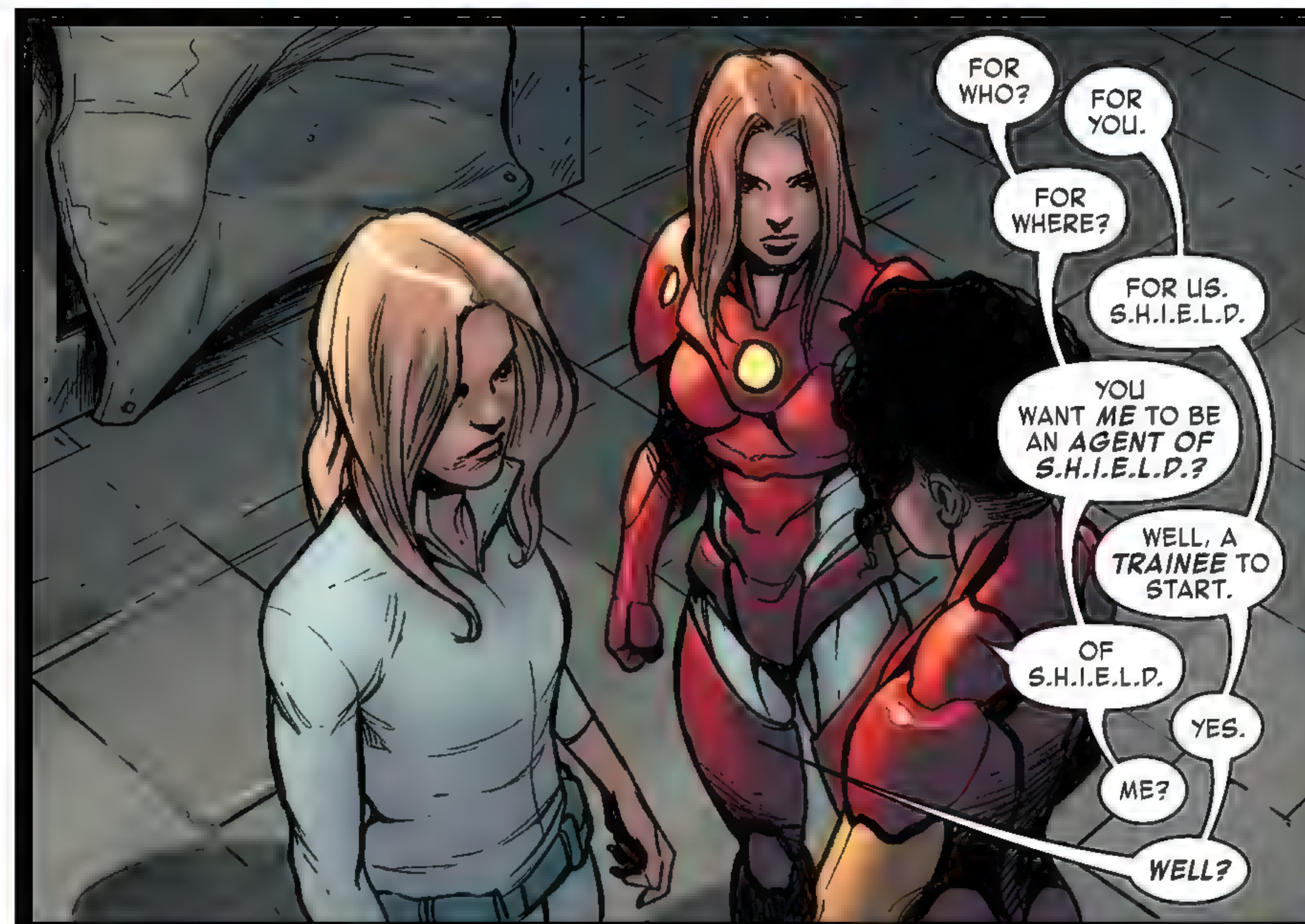


FIFTEEN.



REALLY?

I GUESS WE SHOULD TALK RECRUITMENT.



FOR WHO?

FOR YOU.

FOR WHERE?

FOR U.S. S.H.I.E.L.D.

YOU WANT ME TO BE AN AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.?

WELL, A TRAINEE TO START.

OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

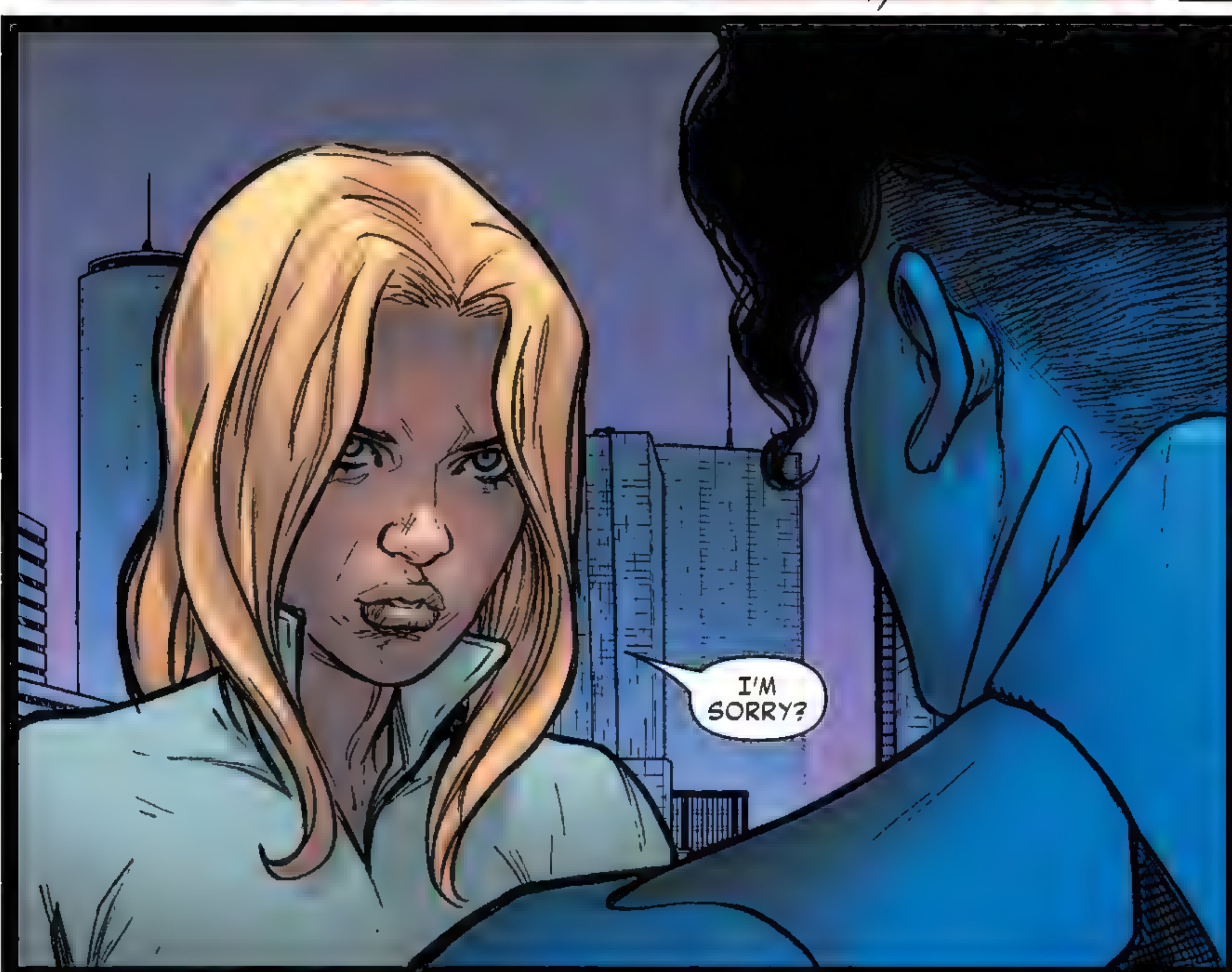
YES.

ME?

WELL?



GOOD GOD, NO.



I'M SORRY?



NO, I'M SORRY. THAT CAME OUT HARSH.

IT'S JUST THAT I THINK S.H.I.E.L.D. MIGHT BE THE DEVIL...

...BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE A VERY NICE PERSON.

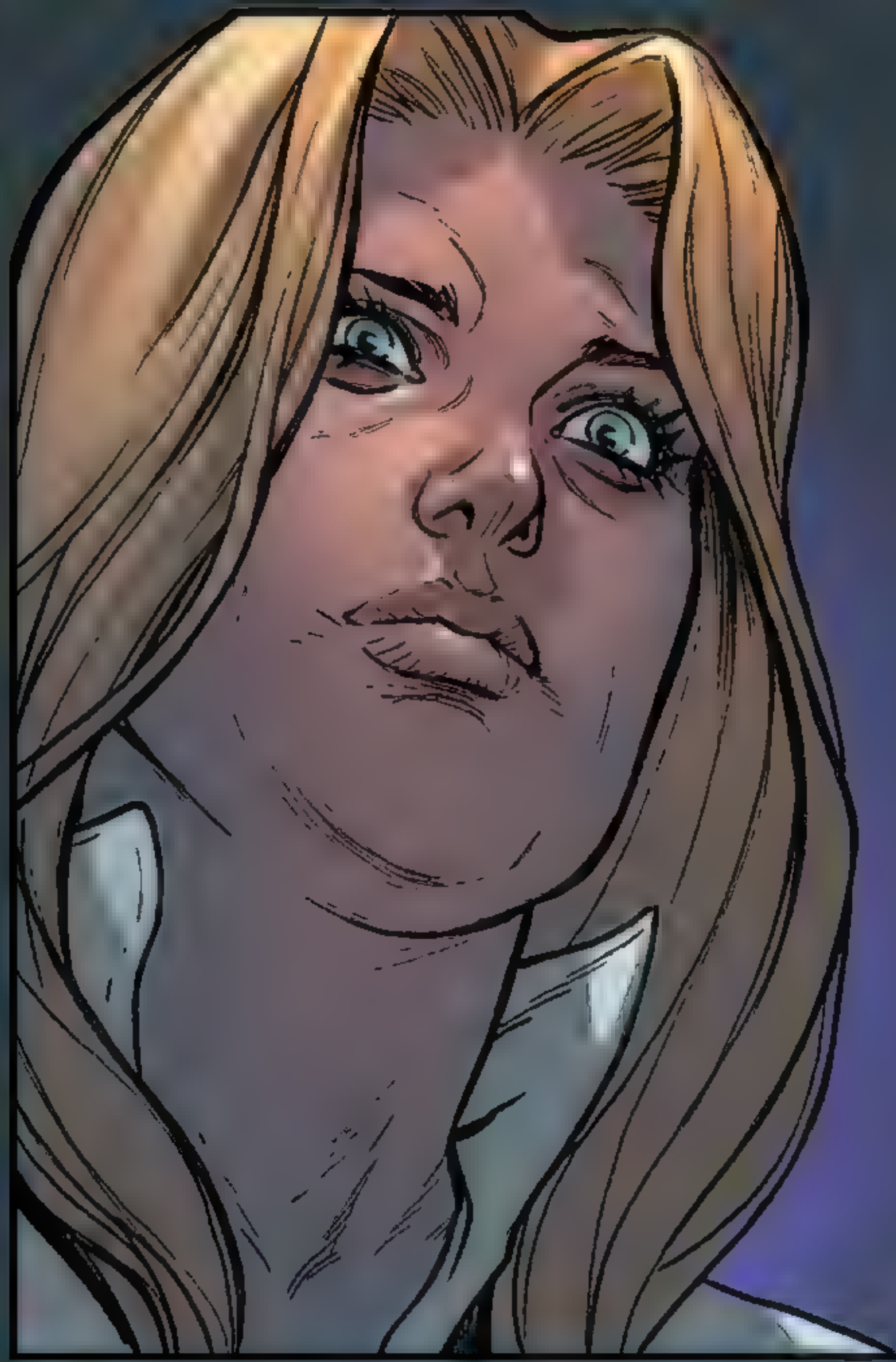


BIG HYDRA FAN, ARE YOU?



NO. JUST BECAUSE I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS AND, I THINK, VALID CRITICISM OF YOUR SYSTEMATIC ABUSE OF POWER IN THE NAME OF GLOBAL PROTECTION... DOES NOT MEAN I'VE TAKEN A SIDE AGAINST YOU.

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT, IF SOMEONE DOESN'T LIKE HOW YOU DO WHAT YOU DO, THEY'RE THE ENEMY?



MISS POTTS, LISTEN, I AM SO EXCITED WE MET, BUT I HAVE TO GET HOME. CAN WE GET TOGETHER ANOTHER TIME AND REALLY TALK?

ABOUT WHAT YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT.

ABSOLUTELY.

I MEAN IT.

I HAVE A MILLION QUESTIONS.

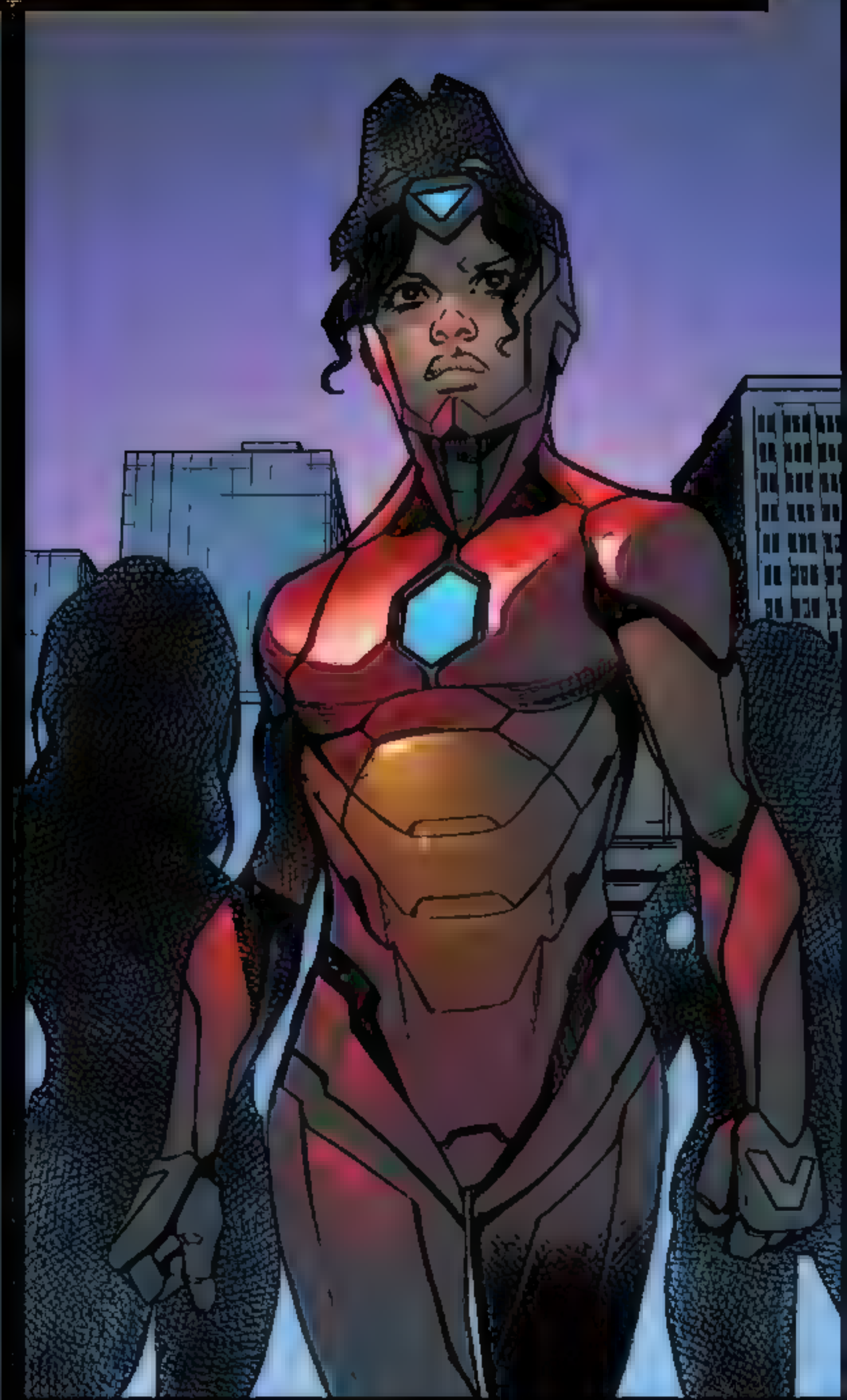
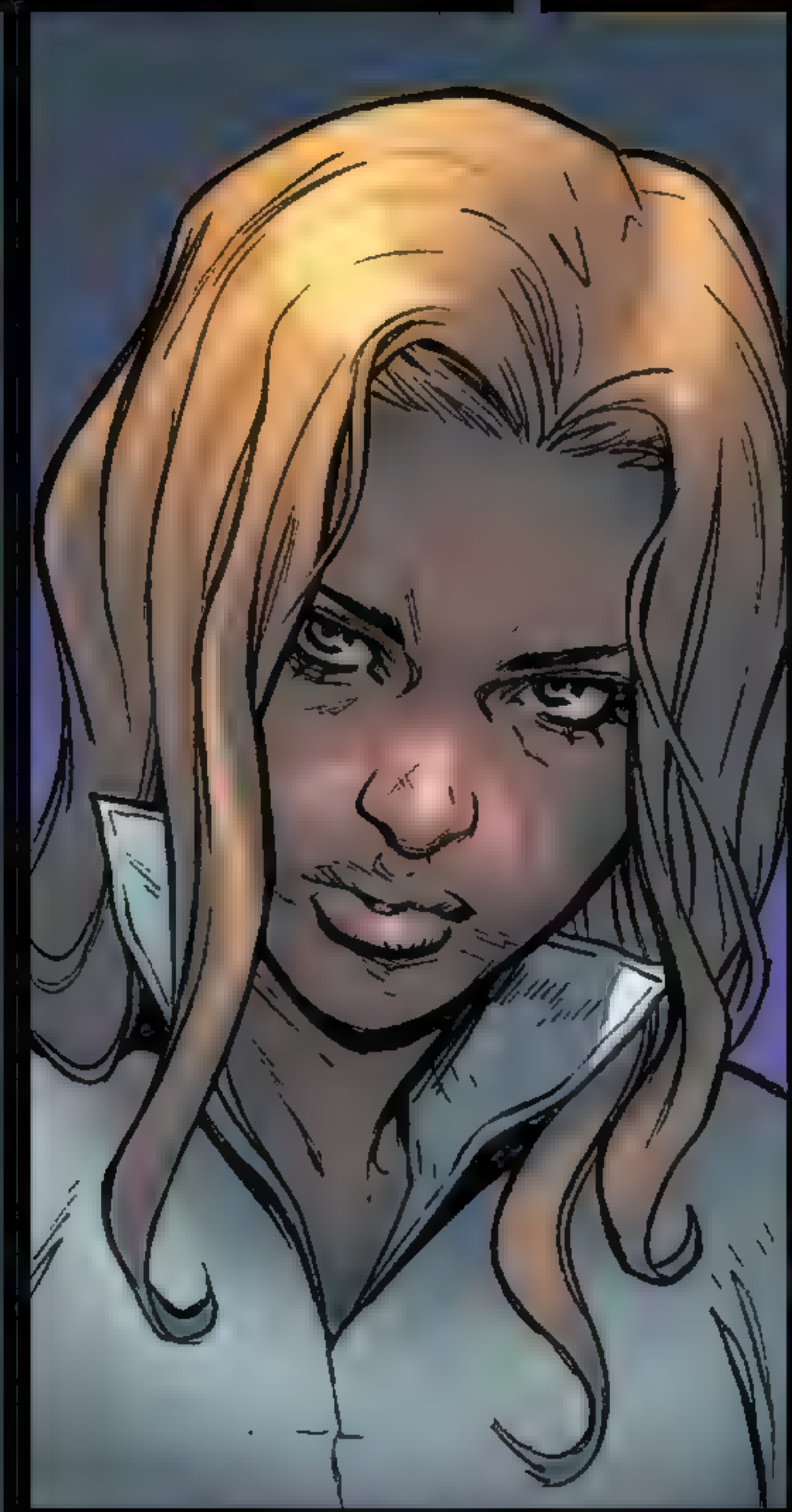


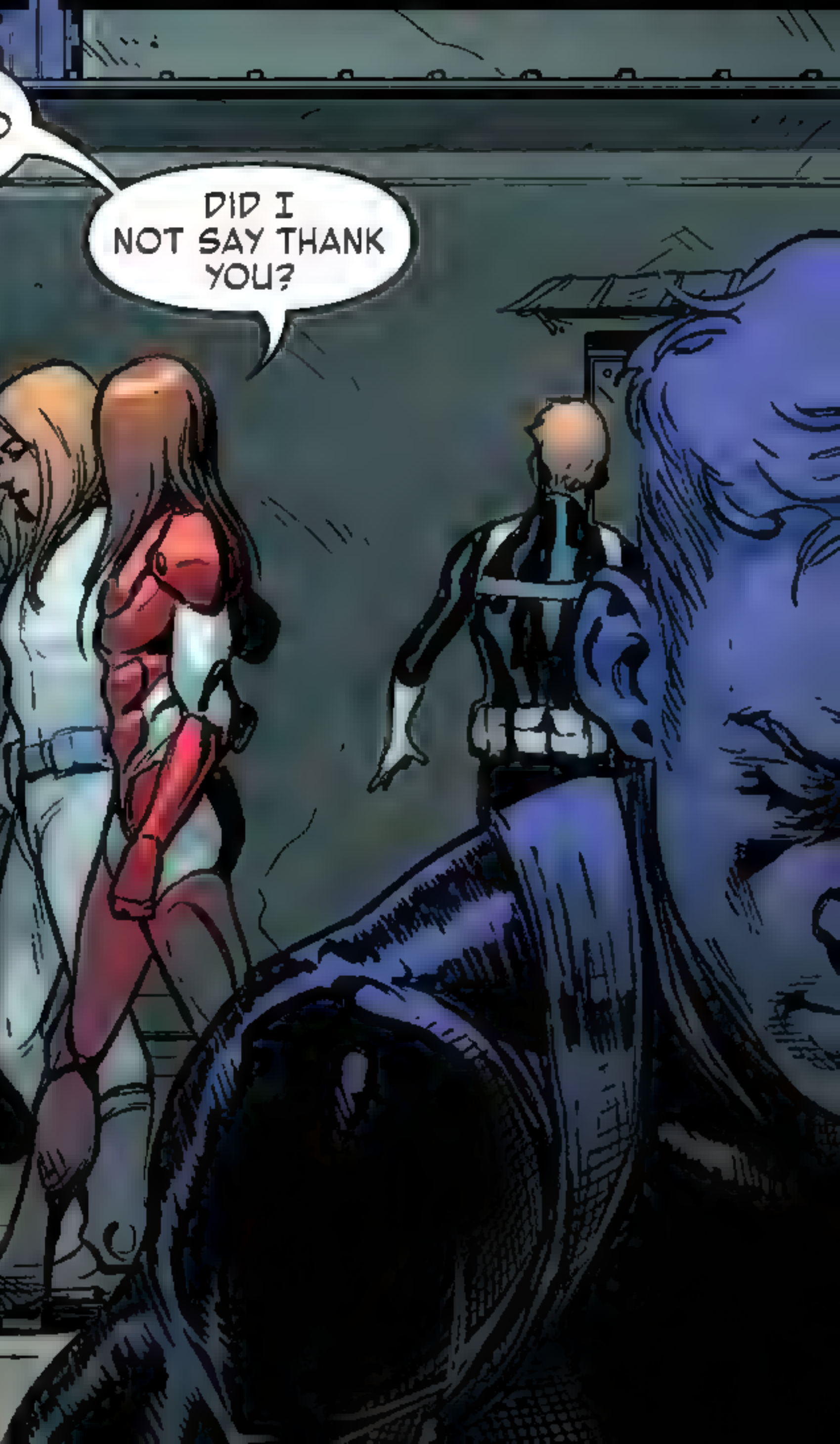
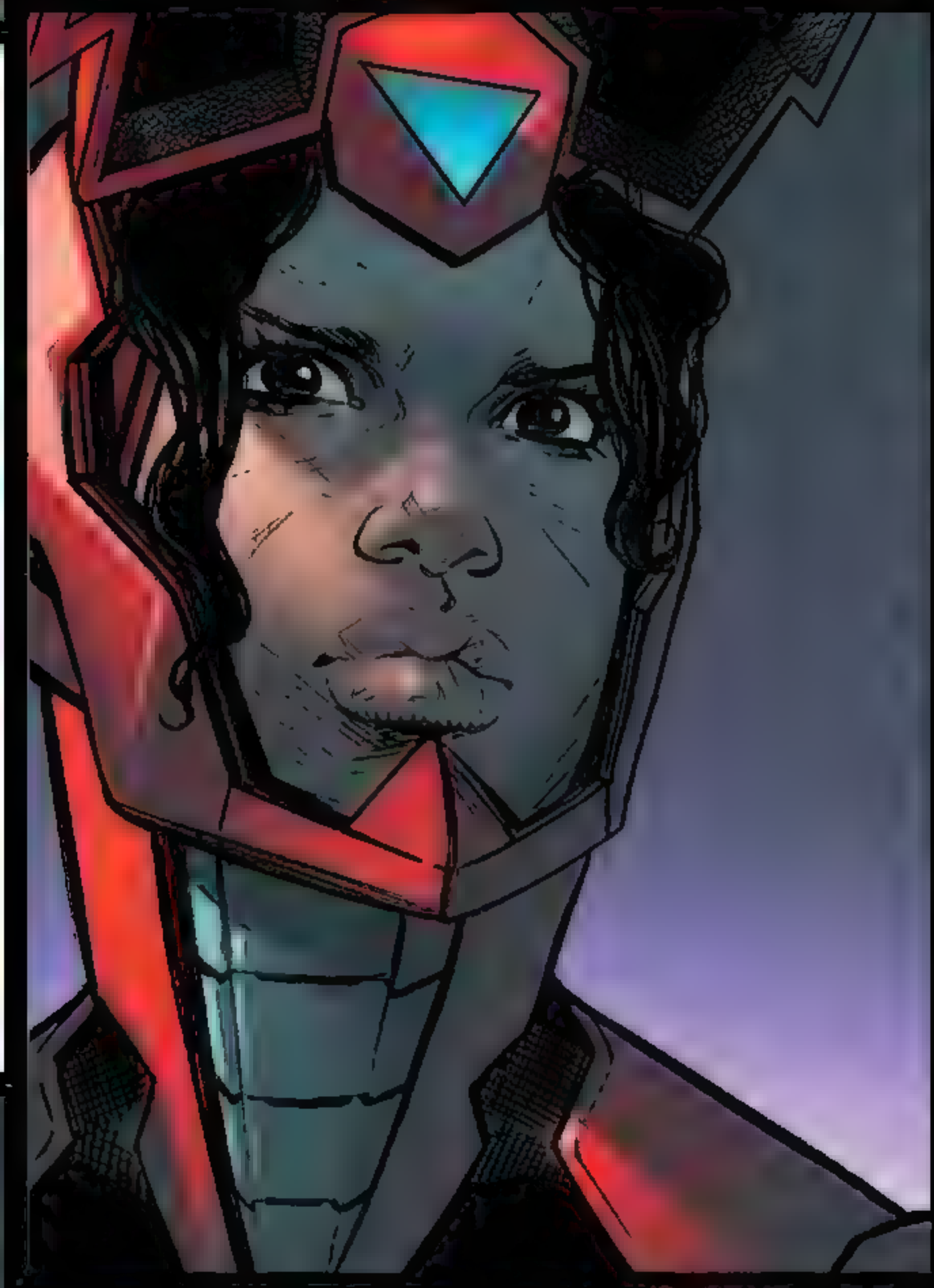
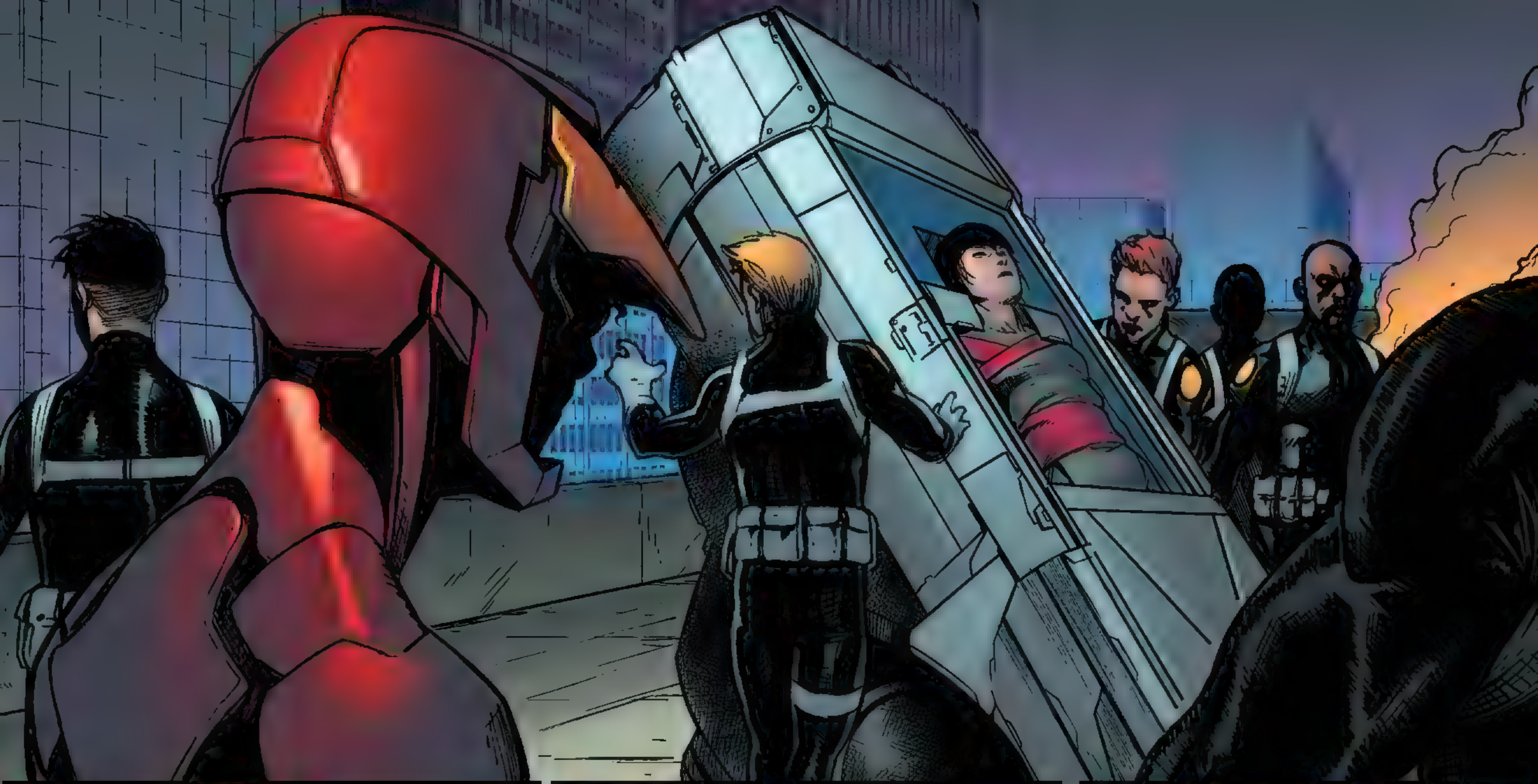
ARMORED HANDSHAKE!

I'LL CALL SOON.



AND I GUESS YOU'LL BE EAVESDROPPING ON US.





THE KID
NEEDS TO LEARN SOME
RESPECT.

MAYBE
YOU NEED TO
EARN IT.

HEY!
I JUST FLEW
ALL THE WAY OVER
HERE TO **SAVE**
YOU.

DID I
NOT SAY THANK
YOU?

I WAS THE
ONE WHO--I DIDN'T
DO ANYTHING!

ASK THE
GIRL! WHERE'S
THE GIRL? THERE
WAS A GIRL!

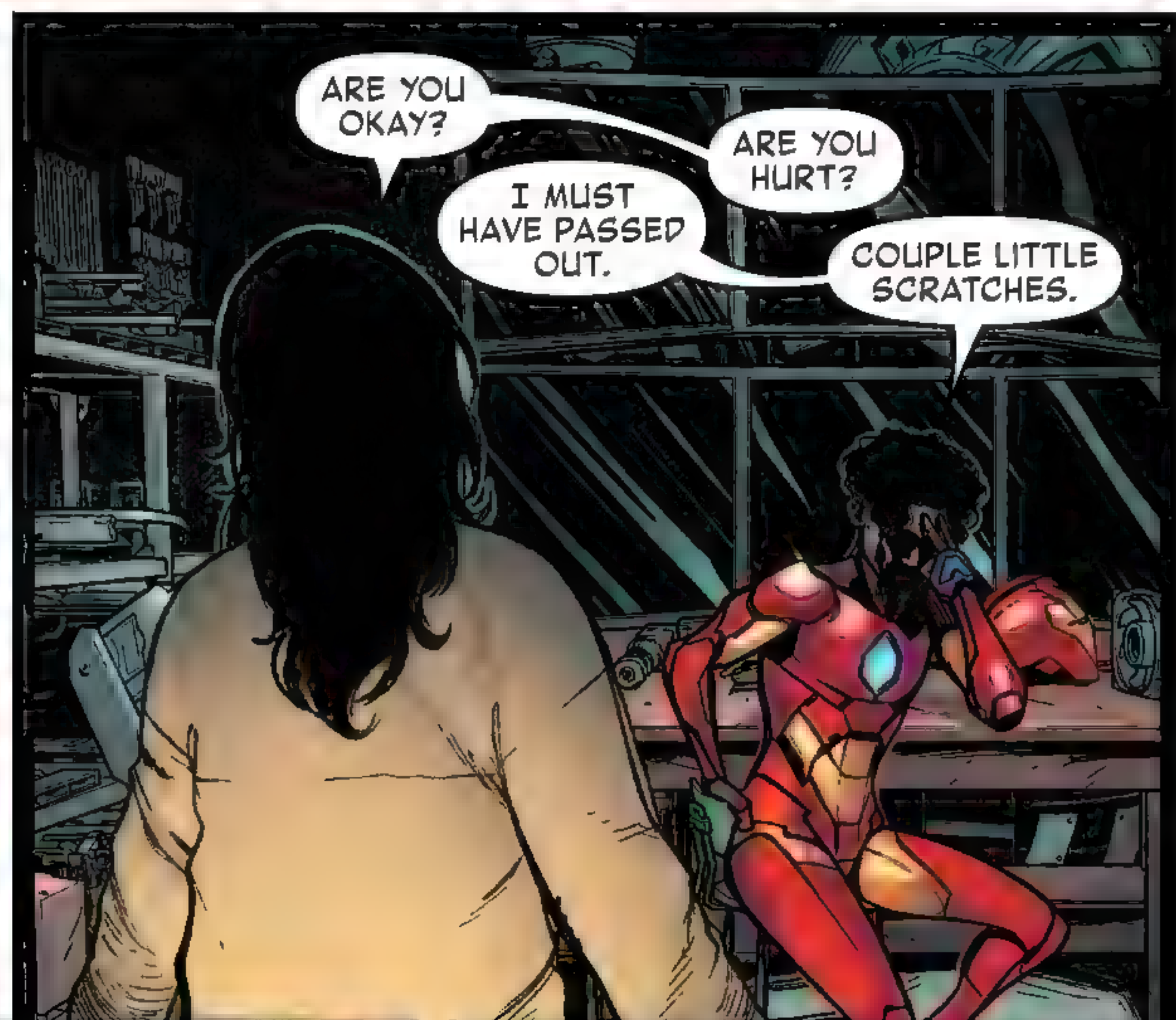


RIRI?

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NINJA!



ARE YOU OKAY?

I MUST HAVE PASSED OUT.

ARE YOU HURT?

COUPLE LITTLE SCRATCHES.



DID YOU CLEAN THEM?

I WAS GOING TO.

YOU'LL GET AN INFECTION.

OH, HEY! YEAH!

MY ARMOR MIGHT BE INFECTED FROM THE TECHNO GOLEM!

I NEED TO GO THROUGH ALL OF MY CODING TO MAKE SURE.



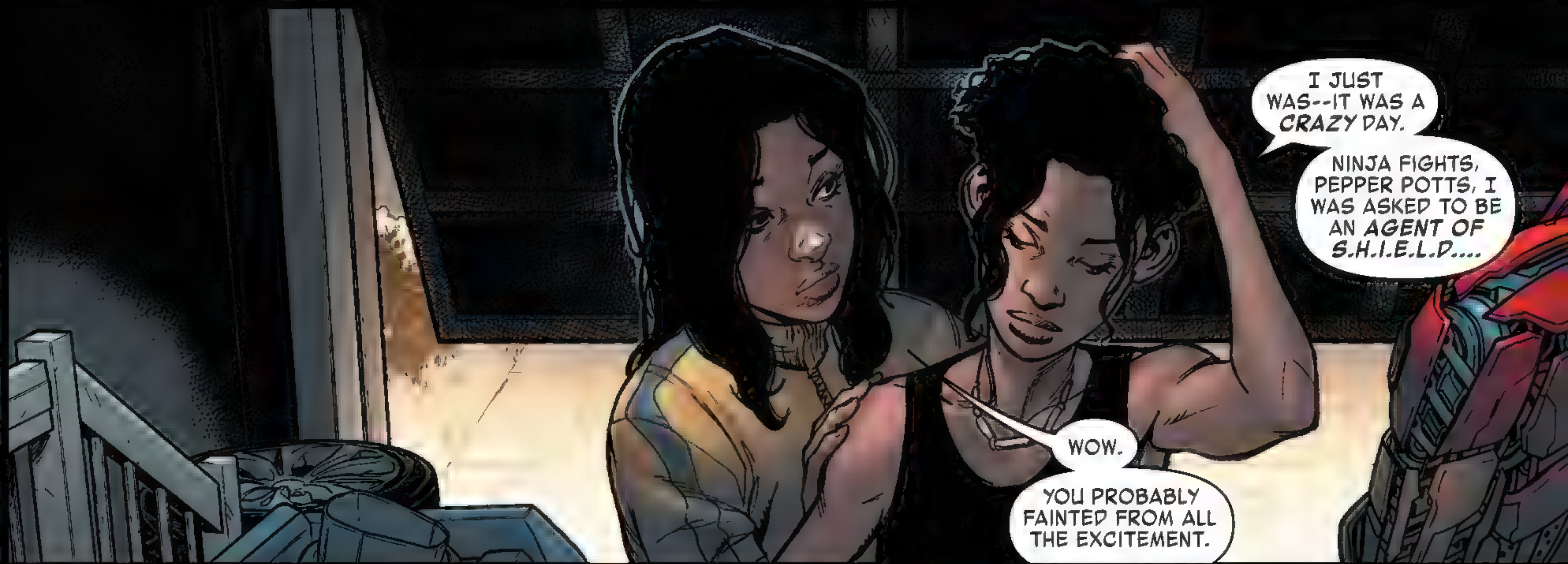
AND I CAN PUT SOME NEOSPORIN ON MY BOO-BOOS.

THANK YOU.



THAT WAS WEIRD--PASSING OUT LIKE THAT.

ARE YOU OKAY?



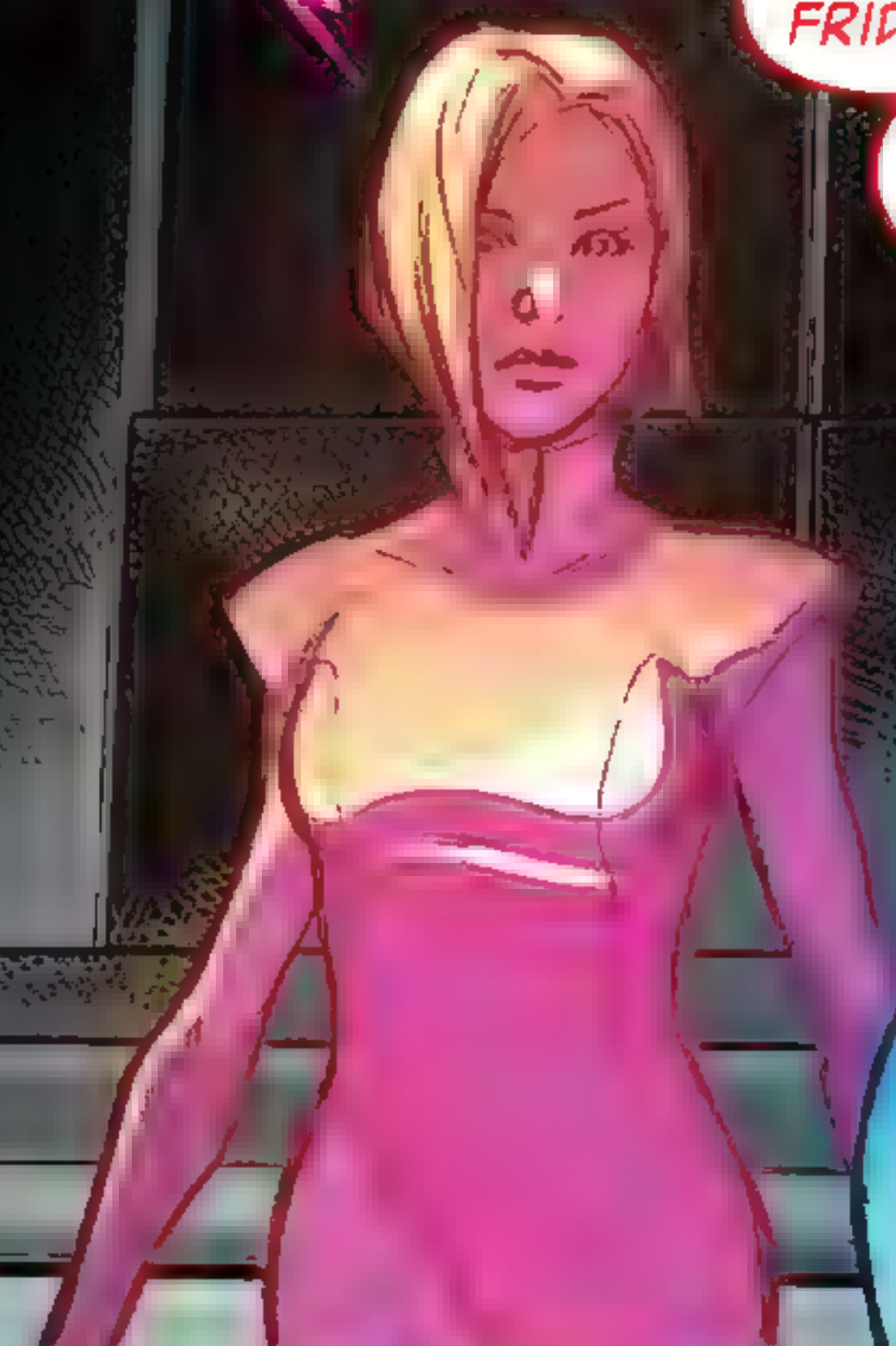
TONY STARK'S LAB.



WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE VIRTUAL PROJECTION OF THE DIGITIZED CONSCIOUSNESS OF TONY STARK...

HEY, FRIDAY...

...I HOPE I DIDN'T SCARE YOU.



I'M DIFFERENT THAN YOU. I'M NOT PURE INTELLIGENCE CODING.

I AM THE DIGITIZED CONSCIOUSNESS OF AN ACTUAL HUMAN PERSON.

ALL OF MY MEMORIES AND IMPULSES REVOLVE AROUND ACTUALLY HAVING A PHYSICAL FORM.

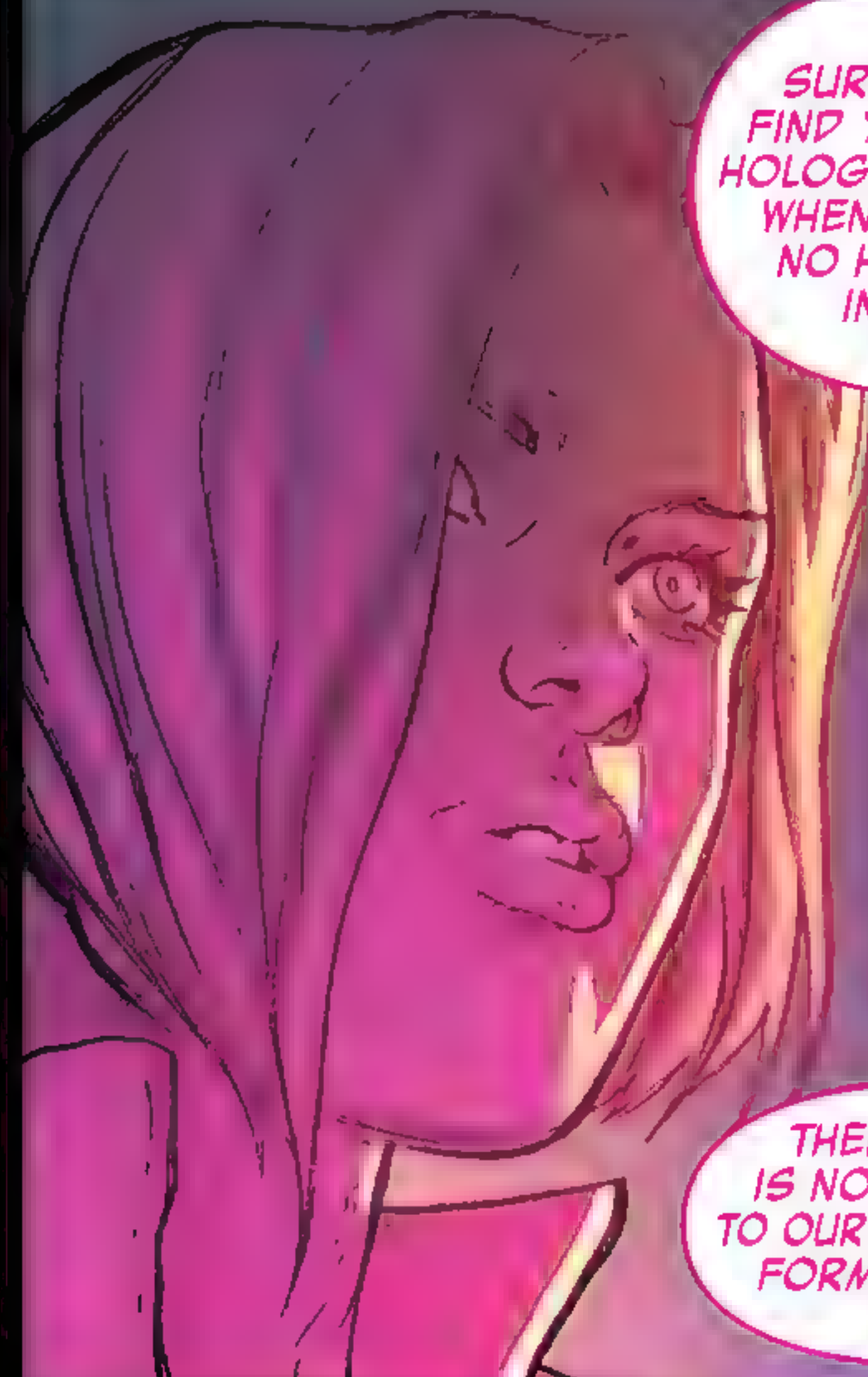
INSTEAD OF A PHANTOM LIMB... I HAVE A PHANTOM BODY.

IT'S OFF-PUTTING.

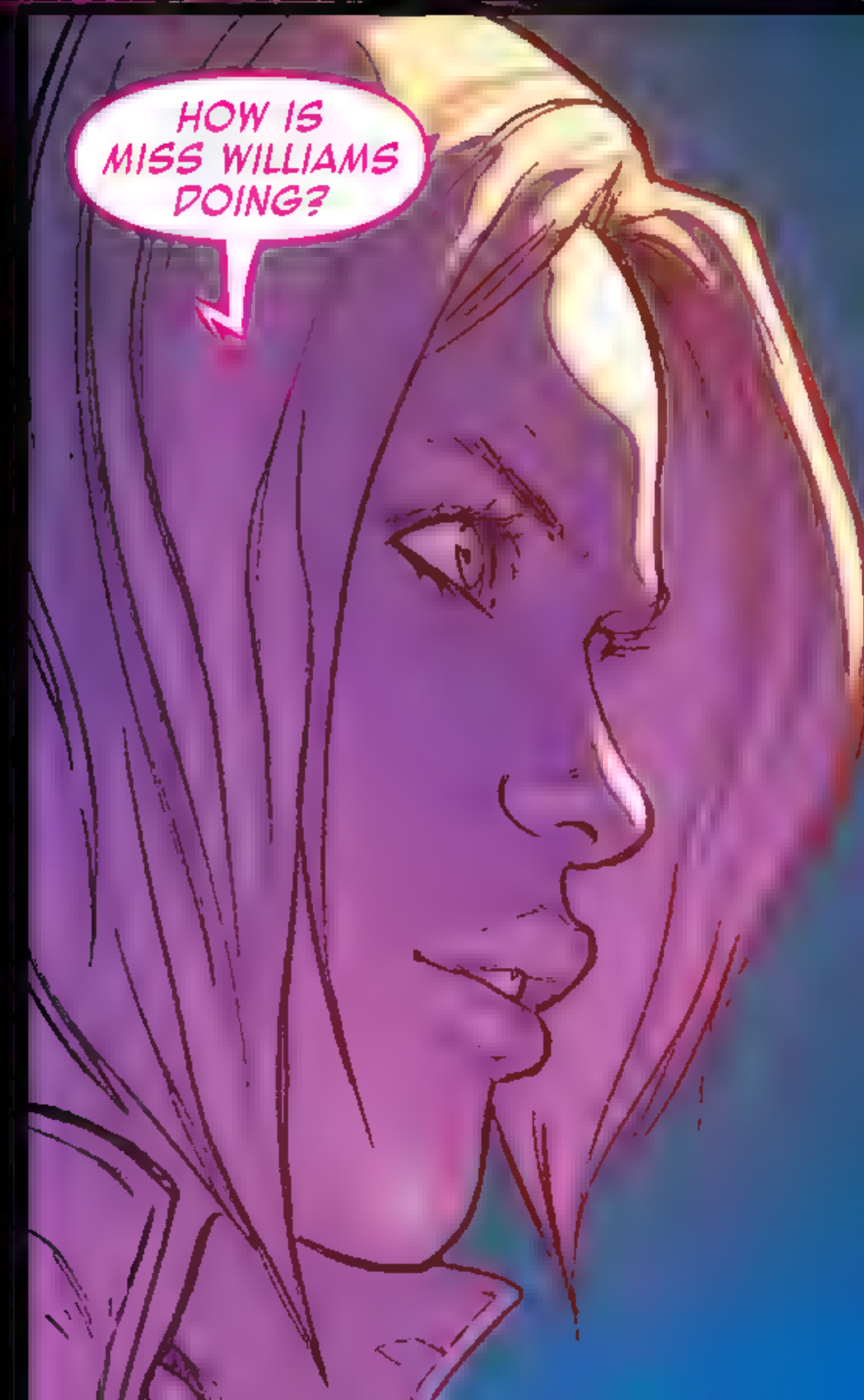


I AM SURPRISED TO FIND YOU IN YOUR HOLOGRAPHIC FORM WHEN THERE ARE NO HUMANS TO INTERACT WITH.

THERE REALLY IS NO PURPOSE TO OUR HOLOGRAPHIC FORMS WITHOUT THEM.



HOW IS MISS WILLIAMS DOING?



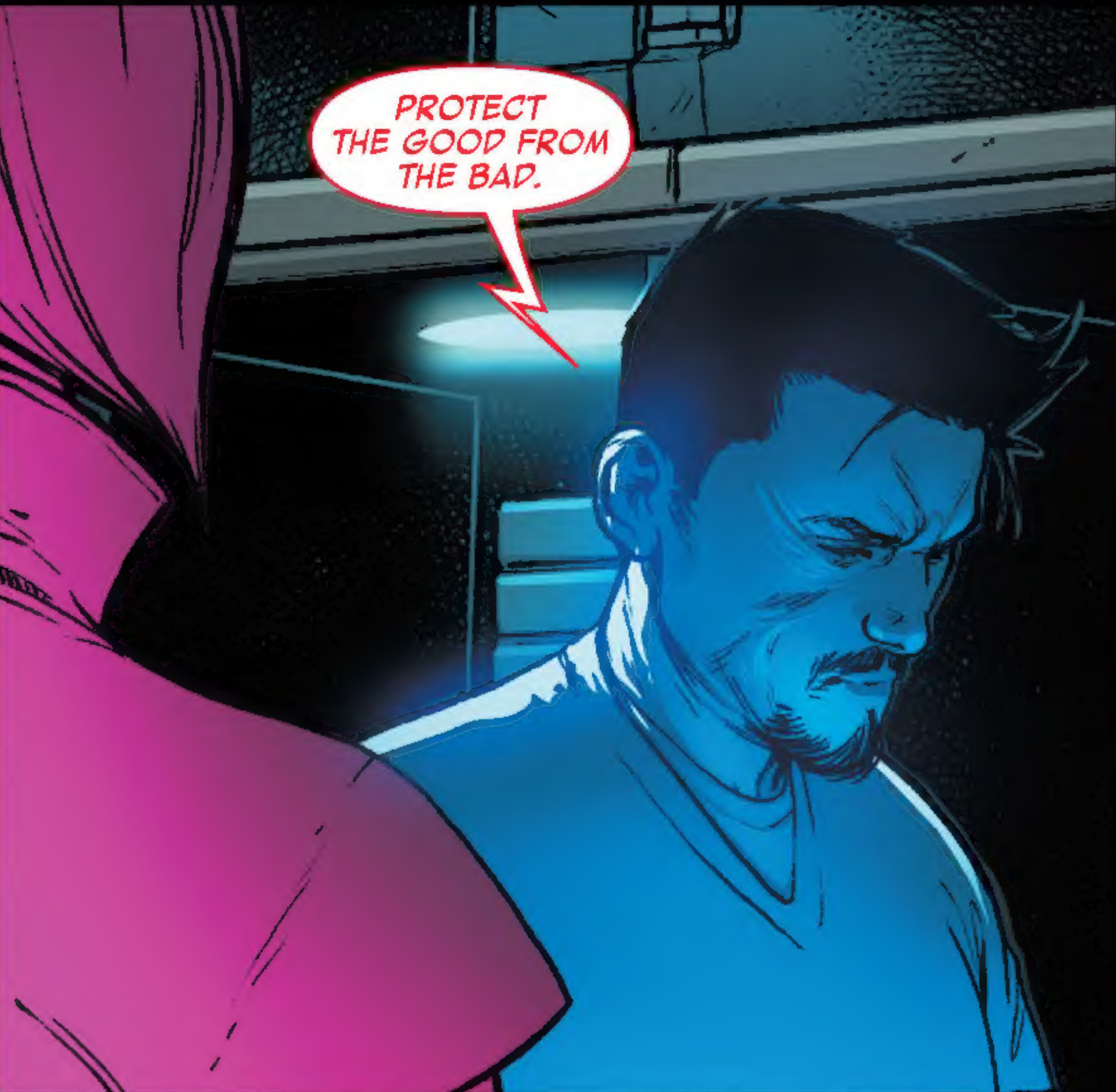


THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.

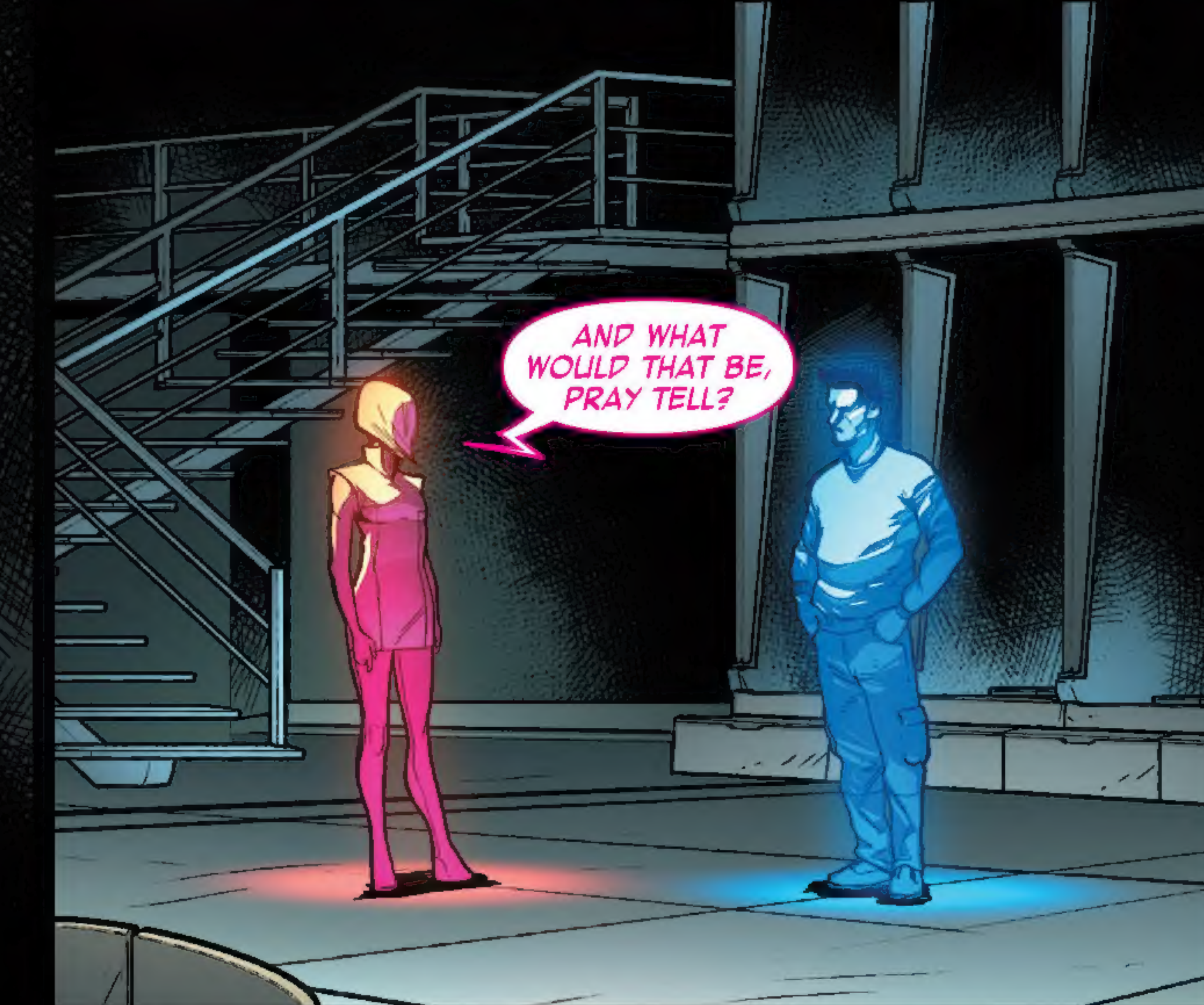
THERE IS A BETTER WAY TO DO THIS.



DO WHAT?



PROTECT THE GOOD FROM THE BAD.



AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE, PRAY TELL?



I'M SURE YOU'VE COME TO THE SAME LOGICAL CONCLUSIONS YOURSELF...

...IT'S THE HUMANS.



TO BE CONTINUED...

SOCK IT TO SHELL-HEAD!

Send letters to **MHEROES@MARVEL.COM** and don't forget to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!"

Welcome back, shell-heads! In honor of Riri's first big victory, I thought we'd take a brief intermission from letters this month to bring you some SUPER-COOL CONTENT.

First, we heard from our Games division that Riri Williams is appearing in not one, but TWO Marvel games--Marvel Future Fight and Marvel Puzzle Quest. And just look how cool she is!



Sniff Our little baby's all grown up and appearing in video games. Don't sleep on this, friends! Go forth and get her!

Also--we got another cosplay picture! Check it out!!

Hi Alanna,

Saw your request for more cosplay pictures in issue #4! I went as Riri for Halloween at work and called it my office-casual Ironheart. I can't wait to do something more at NYCC this year! I love this character so much.

Thanks!
Errin

Dang, Errin, you look great! Love the light-up arc reactor! If you do a full cosplay at NYCC, be sure to send us a picture, or pop by the Marvel booth to say hi--we love seeing Riri cosplayers!

Keep sending your letters, cosplay pics and fanart (oh, my kingdom for some sweet fanart) to **MHEROES@MARVEL.COM** marked "okay to print," and we'll print the best! Come back next month for more letters, and to find out what being a super hero full time is going to mean for Riri. See you then!

-The Invincible Alanna Smith



NEXT ISSUE:



ONWARDS AND UPWARDS!

